

INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

COMMITTEE MEETING

June 5, 2007

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Youth Education and Historical Museum, with the following members in attendance:

Major John Clawson
Major Jerry Ezell
Chief Timothy Viles
Captain Michael White
Kelly Dignin
(Proxy for Don Kottowski)

Brian Maxwell
Vivian Nowaczewski
D. Michael Paxton
Mary Ellen Scheiber
John Wall
Ken Wilson

Advisory members present:

Sergeant John Richards
Senior Trooper Brian Millard
Senior Trooper Eric Garceau

OPENING COMMENTS

Chairman John Clawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

Chairman Clawson made a brief statement that they have been contacted by NCIC and their audits for Indiana are scheduled October 1 through October 5, 2007. A preliminary list of agencies to be audited include: Lake County Sheriff, Gary Police Department, Hammond Police Department, Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Sheriff, Elkhart County Sheriff, St. Joseph County Sheriff, Mishawaka Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff, Evansville Police Department, Warrick County Sheriff, and the two (2) they were working on at the end was Hamilton County Sheriff and Madison County Sheriff, again this is a preliminary list.

He also recognized Chief Dennis Wallpe who is retiring from Batesville Police Department after twenty (20) years. He started coming to the IDACS meetings in 1986.

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2007 MEETING

There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Chief Viles and seconded by Captain White that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

(BMV/STARS Update)

Michael Paxton gave an update on the BMV/STARS Project. They are working through the problems that are mainly on the BMV end. There are meetings weekly to check on progress, but we are in sets of problems that are not easy to resolve, bigger problems taking longer.

(Omnixx Upgrade)

Datamaxx has advised us this week that they have completed to the best of their knowledge all of the patches to make it ready to test. There are several problems that go way back to 2003 that were difficult to resolve. They believe they found resolutions for the problems and are putting them in the new version which will be Version 3.1. The plan for getting this out is still a three (3) month plan that has needed to be shifted around due to various reasons, but we believe we will now be on a test path beginning next week. There is a three (3) phase test plan, the first phase will involve most of June and it will be on the shoulders of the IDACS Trainers to test the functionality as thoroughly as they know how, find glaring errors, find errors that they have seen before, and to apply their experience in what we call the Alpha test. Once they are satisfied they have shaken it out as much as possible, our Beta One test will be to install it on the secondary devices of all the state police posts and have them use them in tandem with the Version 2.4 which is the current Version, so there is a comparative and the operators can get acclimated and report any operational issues that the Trainers may not have caught. The Beta One test will begin the first full week of July and continue throughout the rest of July. We will begin Beta Two testing on the third full week of July and that is where we will look for volunteer agencies to put it on their secondary devices and use it in their normal course of business. We feel that the non-state police agencies that volunteer will be important because they will run a far wider variety of transactions than a typical state police post will. Once the testing is completed and we feel satisfied that 99.95 per cent of the problems have been identified and resolved, then, we will begin planning for the roll-out. The early part of August, tentatively August 6th, we will begin the roll-out and it will take about two (2) weeks. We will do it the same way we did with 2.4 where we set up a schedule with all the agencies, we will have a Trainer contact each agency on a specified date and time, walk them through installing the product on a secondary device first and then it will be up to the agencies to follow through the appropriate steps to install it on all their other devices they may have. We expect by the end of August all agencies should have all their devices cut-over and at that time we will shut off any Version 2.4 servers that are there and everyone should be on Version 3.1 at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Clawson introduced Major Jerry Ezell from the Lowell Post as the new Legal Advisor to the Committee Board, we are glad to have him aboard; also, Tracy Matson the IDACS Trainer for Area I, but she was not present at the meeting; she was teaching a class and Senior Trooper Eric Garceau who is the new South Zone Security Officer.

IDACS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved

There were thirteen (13) new Terminal Agencies and twenty (20) Mobile Data Agencies approved to go on the system since the last meeting. In keeping with our new procedures, we will no longer list additional terminals approved for existing terminal agencies.

Terminal Operators Approved

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved thirty (30) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

IDACS Coordinator Report

Vivian Nowaczewski reported the list of new Terminal Agencies and Mobile Data Agencies provided to everyone is actually from January to the current date, due to her absence in March and that is why it is so lengthy.

The transition of IHETS to AT&T was made smoothly and now everything is through AT&T, all IP addresses and routers. Everything is pretty much switched over, so policy is changed a little bit, if anyone wants to add additional terminals, you now go through IOT and they go to AT&T.

The newsletter for the first quarter has been posted; the second quarter newsletter will be completed within the next couple of weeks and will be posted after it is completed. If anyone has ideas for newsletter articles, please feel free to submit them, especially anything that will help the IDACS user community.

IDACS Security Officer's Reports

Sgt. John Richards – His report was about the two (2) new IDACS Security Officers. Senior Trooper Brian Millard is working on his own now auditing agencies and Senior Trooper Eric Garceau will start working on his own in a couple of weeks.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Area I Jamalyn Bogan –Was not present.

Area II Mary Ellen Scheiber – On Tuesday, March 20th; they had an Area II meeting at Whitley County with thirty-one (31) in attendance. They met Travis Hueston and Mr. Millard. Their next meeting will be a carry-in dinner picnic on Tuesday, August 28th hosted by Randolph County with elections to be held.

Area III Brian Maxwell – He was not present at the time, but did attend the meeting later.

Area IV John Wall – They had their spring meeting for Area IV on April 27th at ISP Versailles Post. They had twenty-eight (28) people present and he was re-elected as the Area Representative again for the next two (2) years and they held a question and discussion period.

Area V Ken Wilson – Their spring meeting was at the Marion County Public Safety Training Center on May 24th with twelve (12) in attendance and the next meeting will be on September 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the same location.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Clawson introduced Mary DePrez and David Steward from JTAC which is the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee. We have created a relationship/partnership with them along with a number of other partners. We started working with them with respect to the Protective Order Registry that we have talked about at some of these meetings. They have a demo here today that will show it to us and they anticipate to have all the counties involved by the end of the year. In addition, they started working on an electronic ticket solution and they stepped up to the plate and have done some remarkable things with it and will demo that for us as well. Our affiliation with them has really created an opportunity to reap some great benefits.

At this point everyone watched the demos that were presented about the Protective Order Registry and how it works and the new E-Ticket Program (Electronic). It was well received by the audience and they were amazed at what JTAC has created. Following the demos, there was a question and answer session with the audience.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Kelly Dignin stated that the state police have migrated completely, 100%, we went over to the 800 Hoosier Safe-T System. All low-band frequencies are being dismantled. We are going to take those frequencies and those resources and re-allocate them over to NPS and elsewhere.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Someone from the audience said they were having a problem getting four people scheduled for a class and that she had emailed Travis Hueston and received no response. Vivian Nowaczweski informed her that Travis has been off work with a medical problem and she will have someone from IDACS call her and get them enrolled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Michael Paxton made a motion to adjourn and Mary Ellen Scheiber seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, 2007, (10:00 a.m.) at the *Indianapolis State Police Post D #52, 8500 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN.*

(Please take note of a different location for the meeting)